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AND THE PLANETEERS™

I-I CAN'T SUMMON THE WIND! HOW CAN WE STOP DUKE NUKEM, CAP?

JUST WAIT AND SEE, LINKA! WE'VE ONLY BEGUN TO FIGHT!

THE FIVE OF YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE! IT'S TIME FOR WHEELER TO TAKE A HAND!

IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN ROPES TO KEEP KWAME OUT OF ACTION!

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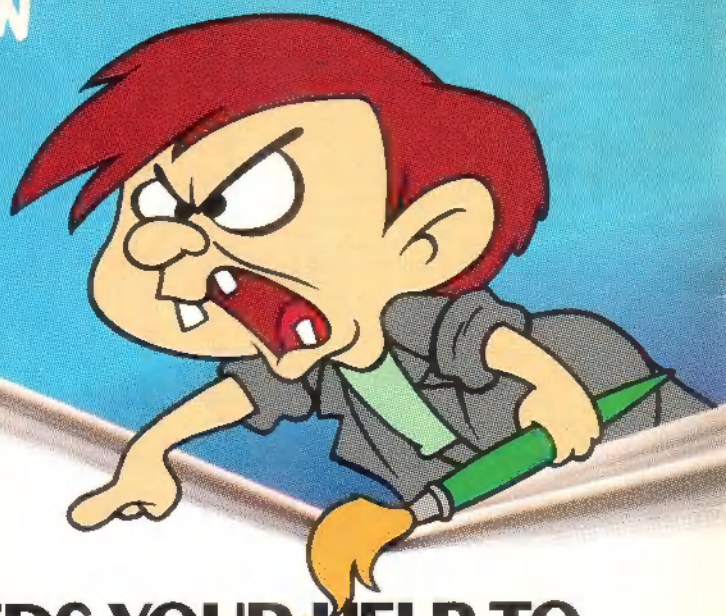

BUSTER NEEDS YOUR HELP TO SAVE BABS FROM MONTANA MAX BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

Acme Acres is in trouble to the *max*. That bratty billionaire has captured Babs Bunny. So Buster's got to get hopping on a wild rescue romp!

Luckily he's got the help of his kooky pals Dizzy Devil, Furrball and Plucky Duck. And how! Dizzy Devil spins himself silly to break through rock solid walls. Furrball climbs straight up walls. And Plucky swims and glides through the air like a...duck. Along with Buster's powerful bounce, Monty will be toast!

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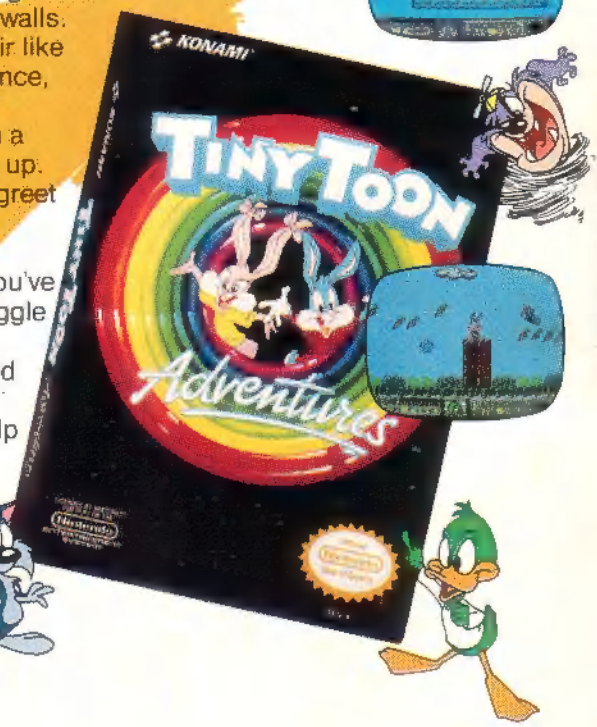
The Toonsters need your help now. So "Toon" up your NES™ and let Montana Max know who's boss!



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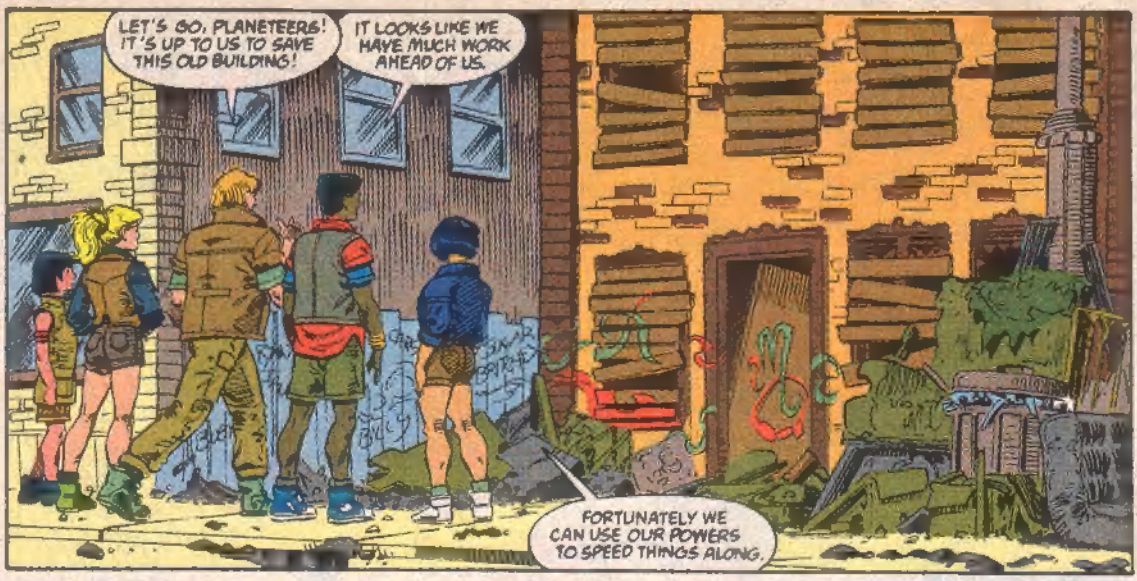
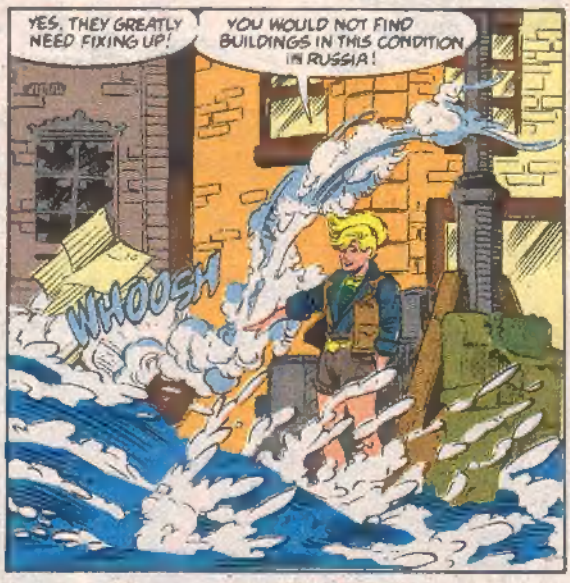
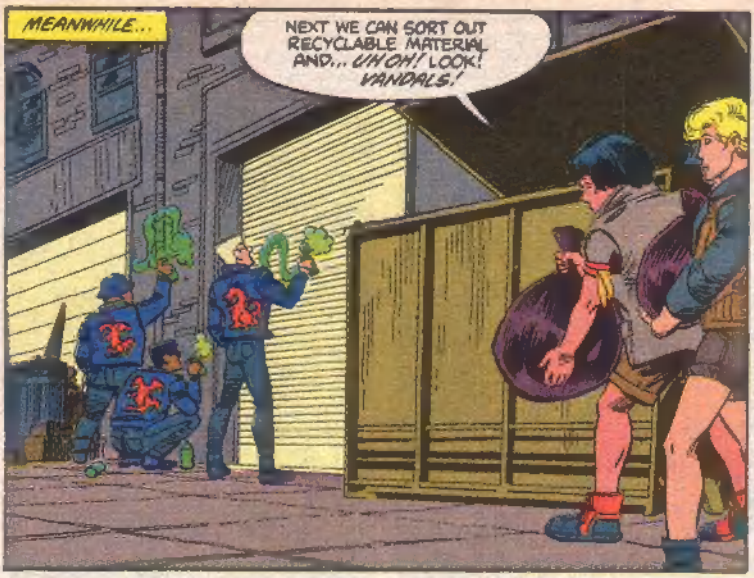

LET'S GO, PLANETEERS! IT'S UP TO US TO SAVE THIS OLD BUILDING!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE MUCH WORK AHEAD OF US.
FORTUNATELY WE CAN USE OUR POWERS TO SPEED THINGS ALONG.

THAT WAS PRETTY COOL OF GAIA TO SEND US BACK TO MY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, BROOKLYN, TO RECLAIM SOME ABANDONED BUILDINGS.
SPLASH


YES, THEY GREATLY NEED FIXING UP!
YOU WOULD NOT FIND BUILDINGS IN THIS CONDITION IN RUSSIA!
WHOOSH

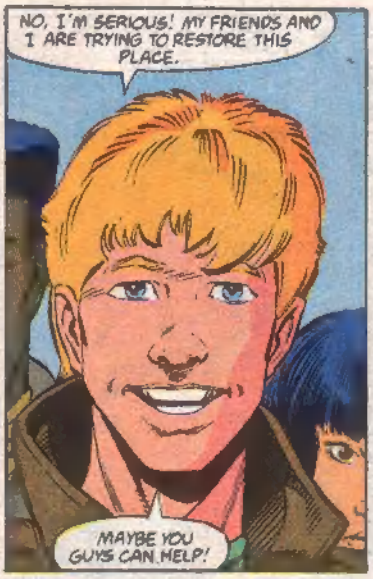
AFTER WE HAVE FIXED UP THIS BUILDING AND CLEANED UP THE LOT..
...WE WILL PLANT NEW GRASS AND TREES.
THEN THE BUILDING CAN BE USED FOR LOW-RENT HOUSING!
IT'S LIKE WE'RE RECYCLING BUILDINGS!

AT A NEARBY NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITY...
DR. FELDER, I'M WORRIED ABOUT THIS NEW FORM OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WE'VE DEVELOPED. IT'S VERY UNSTABLE.
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO A LOT MORE TESTING BEFORE WE...
HEY, WHO ARE YOU? YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE!
I'M HERE FOR THE INSPECTION!
WHAT INSPECTION?
I WANT TO INSPECT YOUR RADIATION CHAMBER...FROM THE INSIDE!
NO! DON'T GO IN THERE!
MY LORD! THAT MAN...!
HE'S GROWING... CH-CHANGING!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU SAPS! I'M DUKE NUKEM, THE MAN WITH THE NUCLEAR-POWERED BOD!
I'D HEARD YOU WERE DEVELOPING SOME KIND OF EXPERIMENTAL NEW NUCLEAR ENERGY HERE, AND I JUST HAD TO GET A TASTE FOR MYSELF!
NOW I'M STRONGER THAN EVER, AND I CAN FINALLY GET MY REVENGE ON CAPTAIN PLANET AND THOSE PUNK-ETEERS OF HIS!
I HEAR THOSE ECO-BRATS ARE IN TOWN FOR "CLEAN UP NEW YORK DAY!"
NO, READER, YOU HAVEN'T MISSED AN ISSUE! DUKE NUKEM'S SKIRMISHES WITH CAP AND CO. WERE CHRONICLED ON THE CAPTAIN PLANET TV SHOW!--ROB

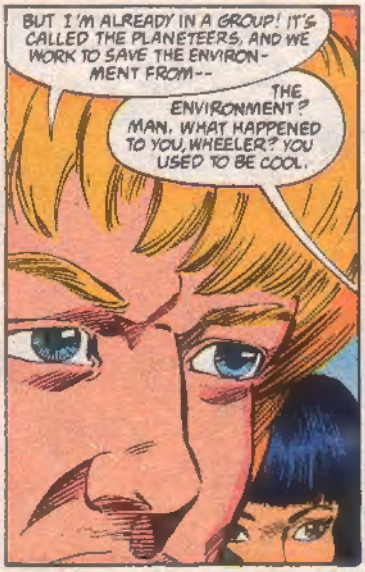

MEANWHILE...
NEXT WE CAN SORT OUT RECYCLABLE MATERIAL AND... UH OH! LOOK! VANDALS!

YOU BOYS! STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING!
WAIT A MINUTE, LINKA! I KNOW THOSE GUYS!
IT'S MY OLD FRIENDS, "SPECS", "TUBBY", AND "DAVE"! WE GO WAY BACK!

HEY, GUYS, YOU SHOULDN'T BE VANDALIZING THIS BUILDING!
WELL IF IT ISN'T OUR OLD FRIEND WHEELER. WHAT, DID YOU JUST COME BACK FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY?


NO, I'M SERIOUS! MY FRIENDS AND I ARE TRYING TO RESTORE THIS PLACE.
MAYBE YOU GUYS CAN HELP!

FORGET IT, WHEELER. THAT'S NOT OUR STYLE! WE'RE IN A GANG NOW! IT'S CALLED THE DRAGONS.
YOU CAN JOIN IF YOU WANT. YOU CAN EVEN BRING THE BLONDE CHICK.


BUT I'M ALREADY IN A GROUP! IT'S CALLED THE PLANETEERS, AND WE WORK TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT FROM--
THE ENVIRONMENT? MAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, WHEELER? YOU USED TO BE COOL.

BUT IT'S COOL TO SAVE THE EARTH!
IS IT COOL TO TURN AGAINST YOUR OLD FRIENDS?

LET'S GO, HOMEBOYS. THE AIR'S GETTIN' A LITTLE TOO PURE AROUND HERE.
IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, WHEELER, YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US.

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YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, WHEELER.
YOUR OLD FRIENDS ARE TROUBLE-MAKERS. YOU DO NOT BELONG WITH THEM.
Sugar Bitch
Chris
Billy
WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE MY FRIENDS?
I DECIDE WHO I BELONG WITH, BABE!
MAYBE IT'S TIME I QUIT THE PLANETEERS AND JOINED A REAL GANG!
I THINK I'LL GO CATCH UP WITH THE DRAGONS! THEY WERE MY FRIENDS LONG BEFORE YOU GUYS CAME ALONG!
NO, GI.
LET HIM GO. THIS IS SOMETHING HE NEEDS TO WORK OUT ON HIS OWN.
IN THE MEANTIME, WHY DON'T WE GET BACK TO WORK ON THE BUILDING?
IT WILL TAKE OUR MINDS OFF OUR TROUBLES WITH WHEELER.

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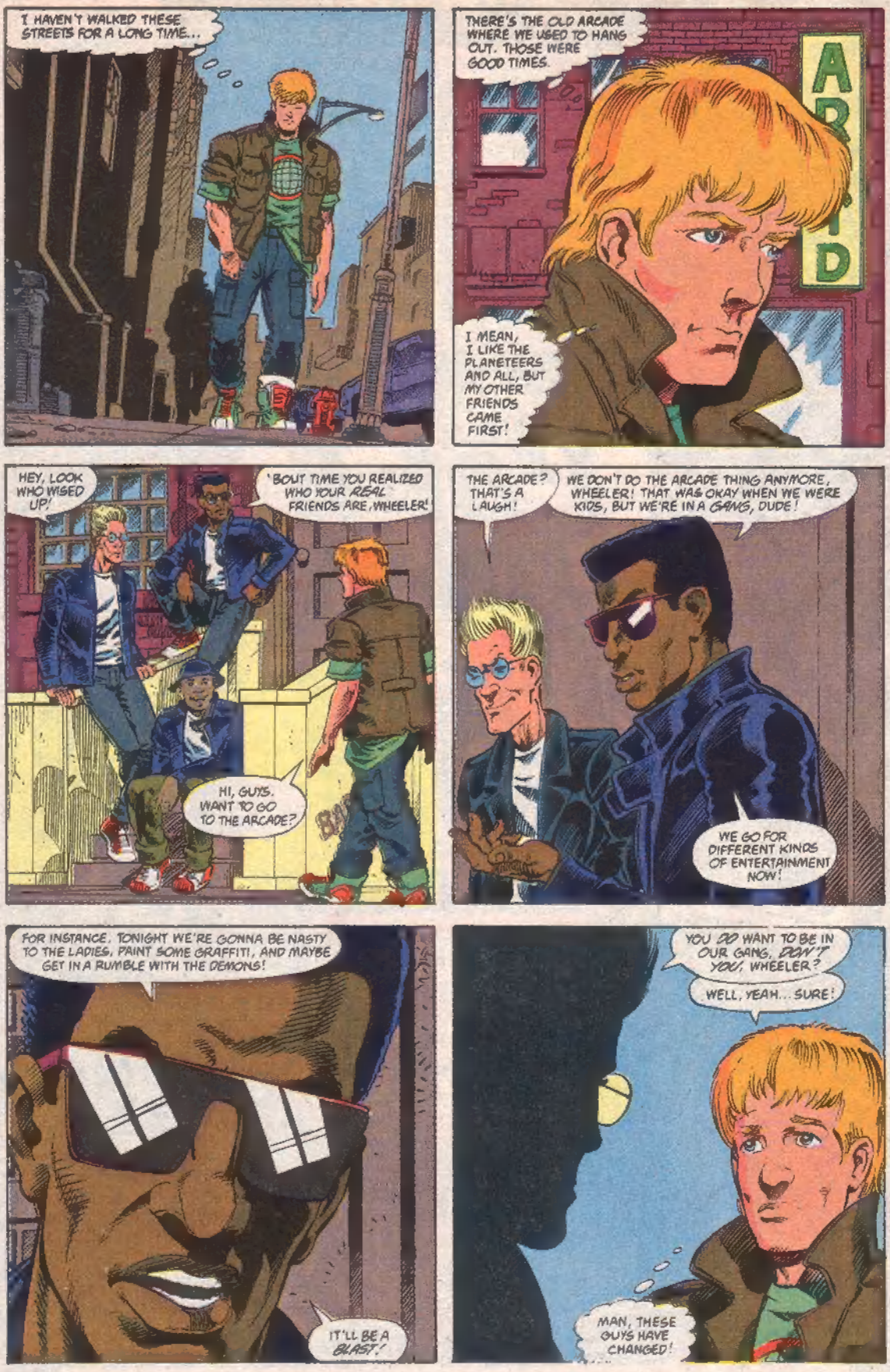
I HAVEN'T WALKED THESE STREETS FOR A LONG TIME...
THERE'S THE OLD ARCADE WHERE WE USED TO HANG OUT. THOSE WERE GOOD TIMES.
ARCADE
I MEAN, I LIKE THE PLANETEERS AND ALL, BUT MY OTHER FRIENDS CAME FIRST!
HEY, LOOK WHO WISED UP!
'BOUT TIME YOU REALIZED WHO YOUR REAL FRIENDS ARE, WHEELER!
HI, GUYS. WANT TO GO TO THE ARCADE?
THE ARCADE? THAT'S A LAUGH!
WE DON'T DO THE ARCADE THING ANYMORE, WHEELER! THAT WAS OKAY WHEN WE WERE KIDS, BUT WE'RE IN A GANG, DUDE!
WE GO FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF ENTERTAINMENT NOW!
FOR INSTANCE, TONIGHT WE'RE GONNA BE NASTY TO THE LADIES, PAINT SOME GRAFFITI, AND MAYBE GET IN A RUMBLE WITH THE DEMONS!
IT'LL BE A BLAST!
YOU DO WANT TO BE IN OUR GANG, DON'T YOU, WHEELER?
WELL, YEAH... SURE!
MAN, THESE GUYS HAVE CHANGED!

WE'VE ALMOST FINISHED RESTORING THIS BUILDING.
TOO BAD WHEELER'S NOT HERE.
SUDDENLY...
THE GROUND IS SHAKING! KWAME?
DON'T LOOK AT ME! I'M NOT DOING IT!
IT FEELS LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE!
IN NEW YORK? BUT THAT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE!
RRRRUMMMBLE!
SOMETHING'S COMING UP THROUGH THE GROUND!
WHATEVER IT IS--IT DOESN'T SEEM FRIENDLY!

BA-BOOOM!
HI, KIDS! REMEMBER ME?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
IT'S DUKE NUKEM! AND HE'S BIGGER THAN EVER BEFORE!
I WALKED AROUND THE SEWERS FOR A WHILE MADE SURE I'D COME UP RIGHT BENEATH YOU. I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU!
I'D SAY IT WORKED! 'CUZ NOW YOU NEWSPAPER-RECYCLING, ENERGY-SAVING, TREE-PLANTIN', DOLPHIN-SAFE-TUNA FISH-EATIN ECO-BRATS ARE IN FOR THE FIGHT OF YOUR LIVES!

COME HERE, YOU LITTLE MUNCHKINS!
RUN, PLANETEERS!

YOU LOOK THIRSTY, DUKE! HAVE A DRINK!
SPLOOSH!

MA-TI, WE CANNOT HOLD OFF DUKE NUKEM FOR LONG! WE MUST SUMMON CAPTAIN PLANET!
WHOOSH
WIND!

IT TAKES ALL FIVE PLANETEERS TO SUMMON CAPTAIN PLANET!
I WILL CONTACT WHEELER TELEPATHICALLY! HEART!

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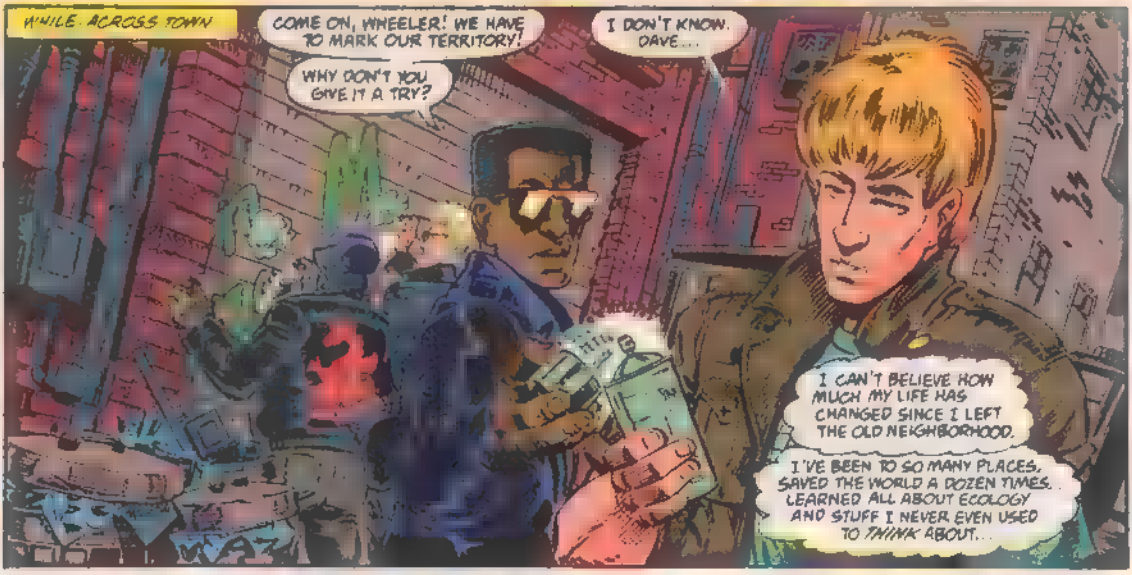
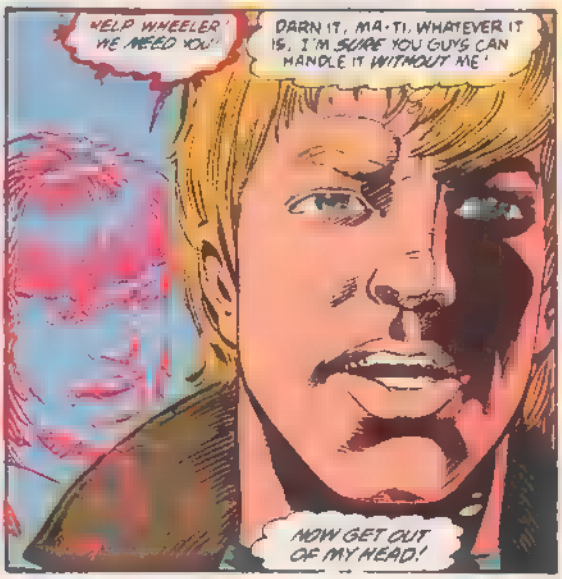

WHILE ACROSS TOWN
COME ON, WHEELER! WE HAVE TO MARK OUR TERRITORY!
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY?
I DON'T KNOW, DAVE...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH MY LIFE HAS CHANGED SINCE I LEFT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD.
I'VE BEEN TO SO MANY PLACES, SAVED THE WORLD A DOZEN TIMES, LEARNED ALL ABOUT ECOLOGY AND STUFF I NEVER EVEN USED TO THINK ABOUT...

IF I HADN'T MET THE PLANETEERS, I MIGHT HAVE WOUND UP AS A MEMBER OF THIS GANG.
BUT THAT'S JUST THE POINT-- I DID MEET THE PLANETEERS


HELP WHEELER! WE NEED YOU!
DARN IT, MA-TI, WHATEVER IT IS, I'M SURE YOU GUYS CAN HANDLE IT WITHOUT ME!
NOW GET OUT OF MY HEAD!

THE PSYCHIC RECOIL STAGGERS MA-TI!
WHOOF!
MA-TI!

TELL YOU WHAT, GUYS-- YOU PAINT THE BUILDING, AND I'LL BE YOUR LOOKOUT! EVERY GREAT GANG'S GOTTA HAVE A LOOKOUT!
YEAH. I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MY FRIEND?
I'M FINE! BUT WHEELER HAS REFUSED TO HELP US!
AND HE HAS MENTALLY BLOCKED ME FROM CONTACTING HIM AGAIN!

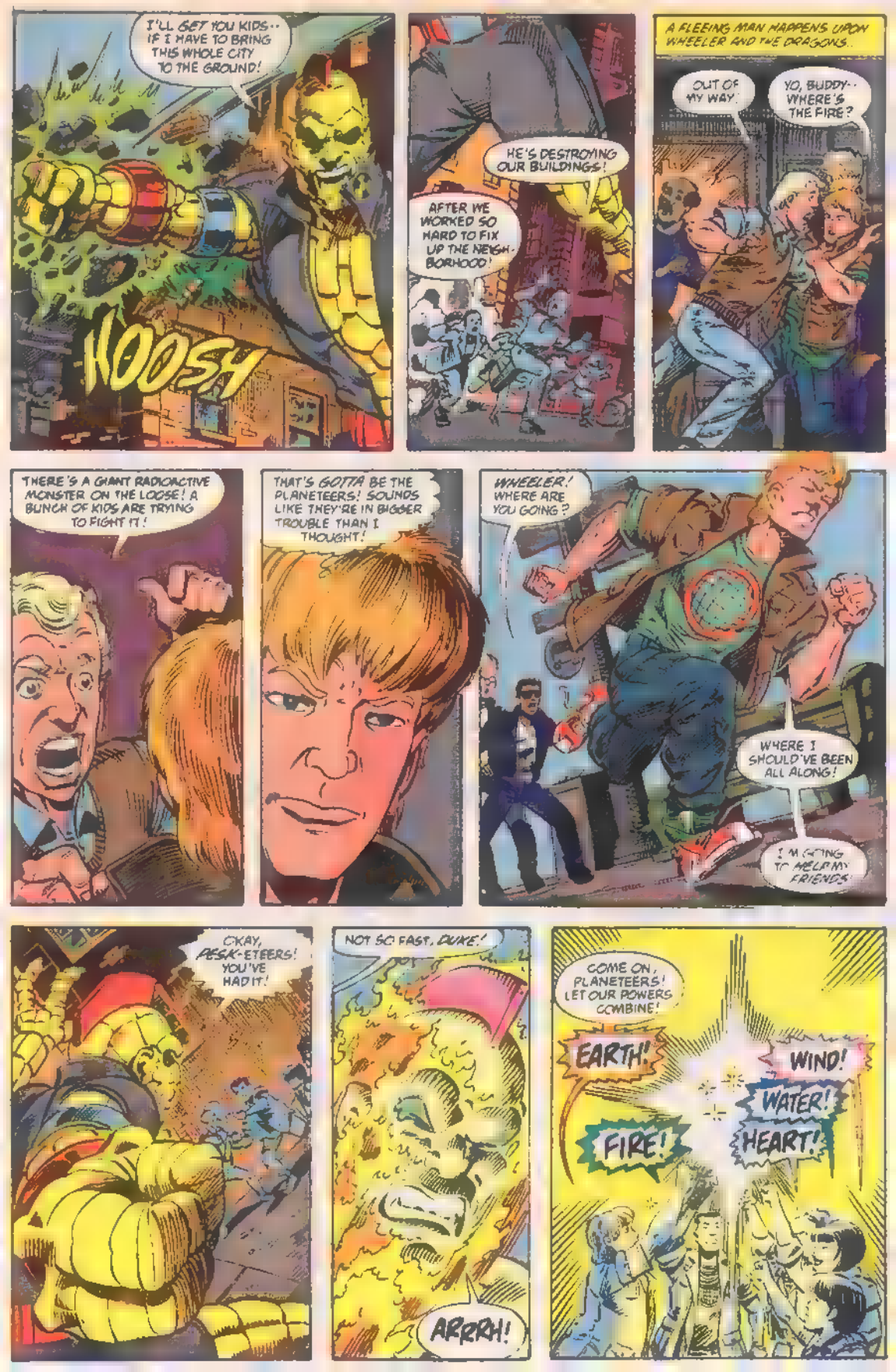
THEN THAT MEANS WE ARE UNABLE TO SUMMON CAPTAIN PLANET.
I SUGGEST WE ALL COMBINE OUR POWERS IN A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON DUKE NUKEM!

CHA-KOOM!
EARTH!
WIND!
WATER!
HEART!

THE PLANETEERS BOMBARD DUKE NUKEM WITH THE AWESOME MIGHT OF FOUR ELEMENTS UNLEASHED. AND WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS...
WAS THAT THE BEST YOU COULD DO?

ALL RIGHT, YOU MATURE NERDS! YOU GAVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT!
NOW IT'S MY TURN!
ZA-CHOW!
THIS IS MA-TI CALLING GAIA! YOU MUST HELP US! WE NEED WHEELER!
WHEELER, YOU ARE NEEDED!
GAIA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IT'S GREAT HAVING OUR HOMEBOY WHEELER BACK NOW WE GOTTA THINK UP A COOL NICKNAME FOR YOU, LIKE "SPECS," "TUBBY" OR "DAVE."
WHEELER, YOU BELONG WITH THE PLANETEERS! THEY'RE IN TROUBLE!
NO, YOU'RE WRONG, GAIA! I DON'T BELONG WITH THE PLANETEERS! I BELONG WITH MY FRIENDS!
AND THESE GUYS ARE MY FRIENDS!
I THOUGHT THE PLANETEERS WERE YOUR FRIENDS, TOO. YOU'D BETTER DECIDE FAST, BECAUSE THE PLANETEERS MAY NOT BE AROUND MUCH LONGER!
BUT I CANNOT FORCE YOU TO DO ANYTHING. THE DECISION IS YOURS TO MAKE.

BACK AT THE BATTLE...
SAY, MY NEW, IMPROVED SIZE MAKES IT EVEN EASIER FOR ME TO PICK UP GIRLS!
PUT ME DOWN, YOU CAPITALIST SWINE!
I WILL SAVE YOU, LINKA!
EARTH!
YIIII! I'M FALLING!
CHOOM!
MUST CONCENTRATE... USE MY POWERS AS NEVER BEFORE...
WIND!
LINKA! YOU CAN FLY!
YOU'VE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE!
IT WAS FUN! I NEED TO WORK ON MY LANDINGS, THOUGH!


I'LL GET YOU KIDS.. IF I HAVE TO BRING THIS WHOLE CITY TO THE GROUND!
HOOSH
HE'S DESTROYING OUR BUILDINGS!
AFTER WE WORKED SO HARD TO FIX UP THE NEIGH-BORHOOD!
A FLEEING MAN HAPPENS UPON WHEELER AND THE DRAGONS..
OUT OF MY WAY!
YO, BUDDY.. WHERE'S THE FIRE?
THERE'S A GIANT RADIOACTIVE MONSTER ON THE LOOSE! A BUNCH OF KIDS ARE TRYING TO FIGHT IT!
THAT'S GOTTA BE THE PLANETEERS! SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE IN BIGGER TROUBLE THAN I THOUGHT!
WHEELER! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHERE I SHOULD'VE BEEN ALL ALONG!
I'M GOING TO HELP MY FRIENDS!
OKAY, AESK-ETEERS! YOU'VE HAD IT!
NOT SO FAST, DUKE!
ARRRH!
COME ON, PLANETEERS! LET OUR POWERS COMBINE!
EARTH!
WIND!
WATER!
FIRE!
HEART!

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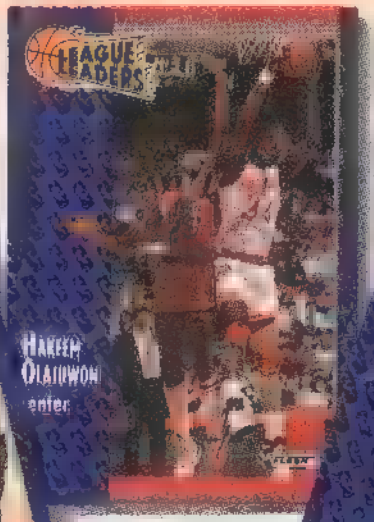

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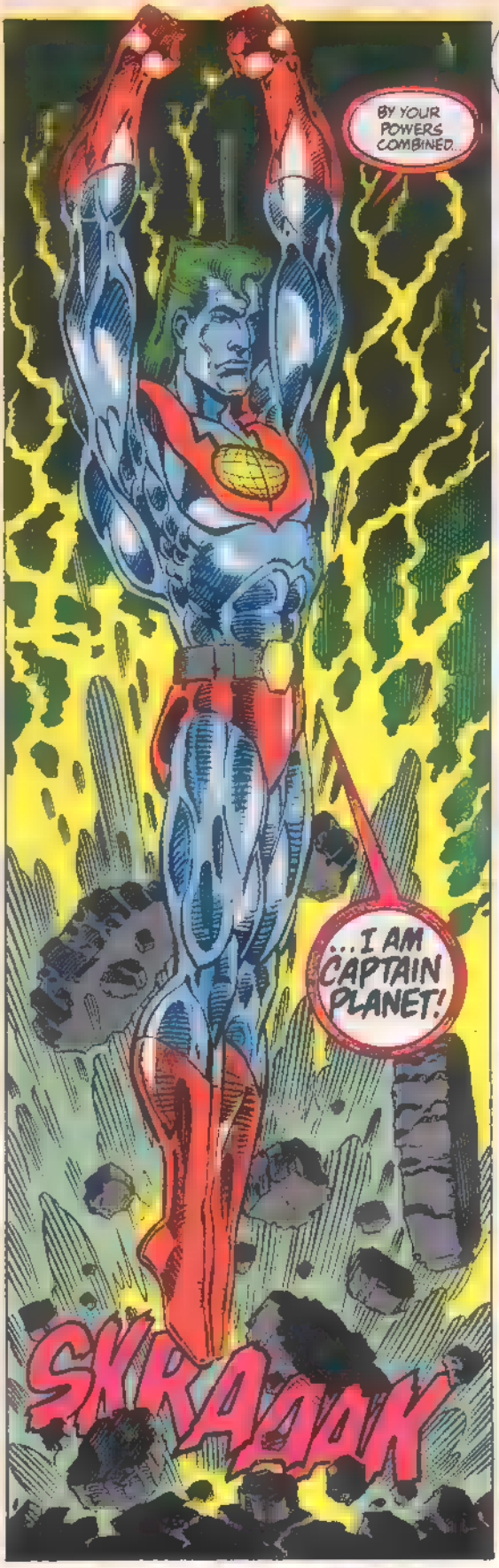
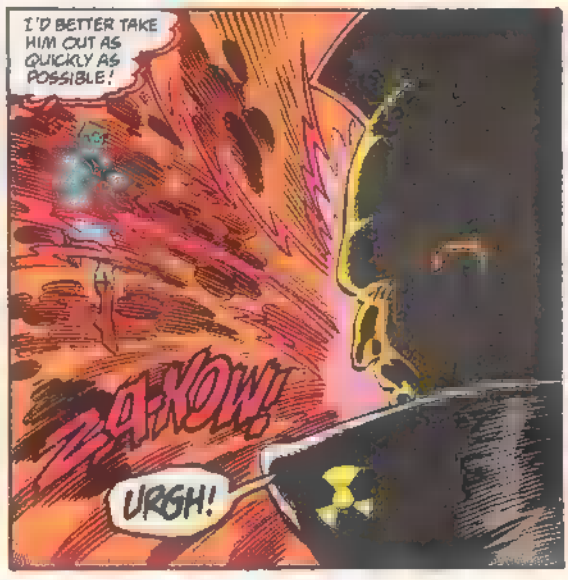

BY YOUR POWERS COMBINED...
...I AM CAPTAIN PLANET!
SKRAAAK

WELL, WELL, WELL! CAPTAIN PLANET! LONG TIME, NO CARE!
WHY DON'T YOU SURRENDER NOW, DUKE? MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF!
ARE YOU KIDDING? I'M JUST GETTING WARMED UP! I'M GONNA ENJOY PULVERIZING YOU!

DUKE IS BIGGER, MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER BEFORE!
HE POSES A THREAT TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!


I'D BETTER TAKE HIM OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!
KA-KOW!
URGH!

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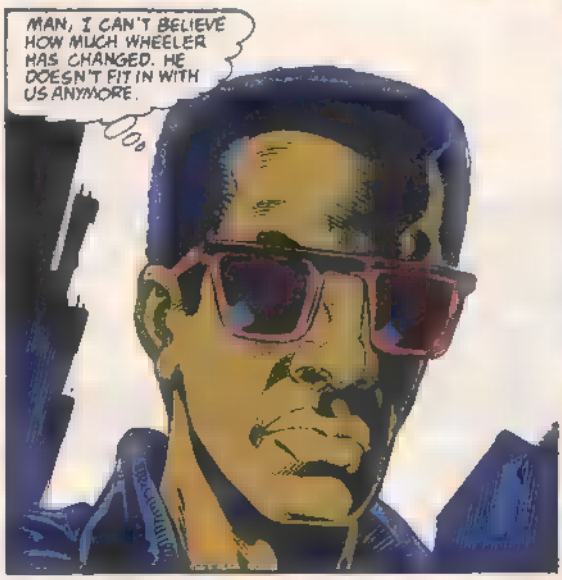
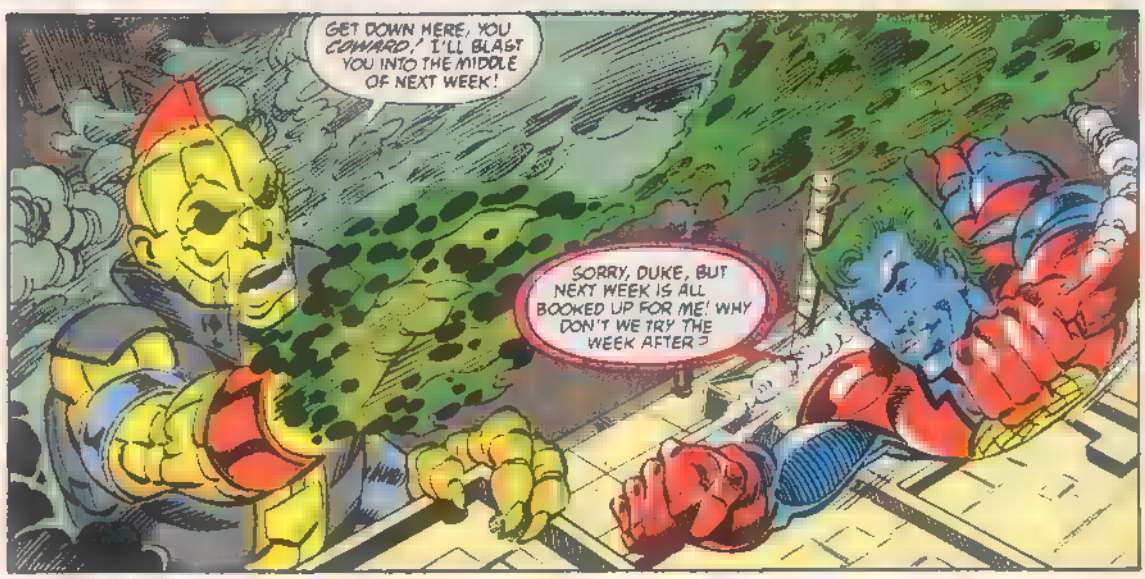
I LIKE TO THINK OF IT AS MY ENVIRONMENTAL BOMBS PLAN
SO AHEAD! GIVE ME ALL YOU GOT!
I'LL TAKE ANYTHING YOU CAN DISH OUT AND MORE, CAPTAIN ARMY-WAIST!
HE'S NOT KIDDING! HE MAY BE TOO STRONG EVEN FOR ME!
BUT IF WHAT I SUSPECT ABOUT HIS NEW POWERS IS CORRECT, THIS FIGHT MAY NOT GO ON MUCH LONGER!

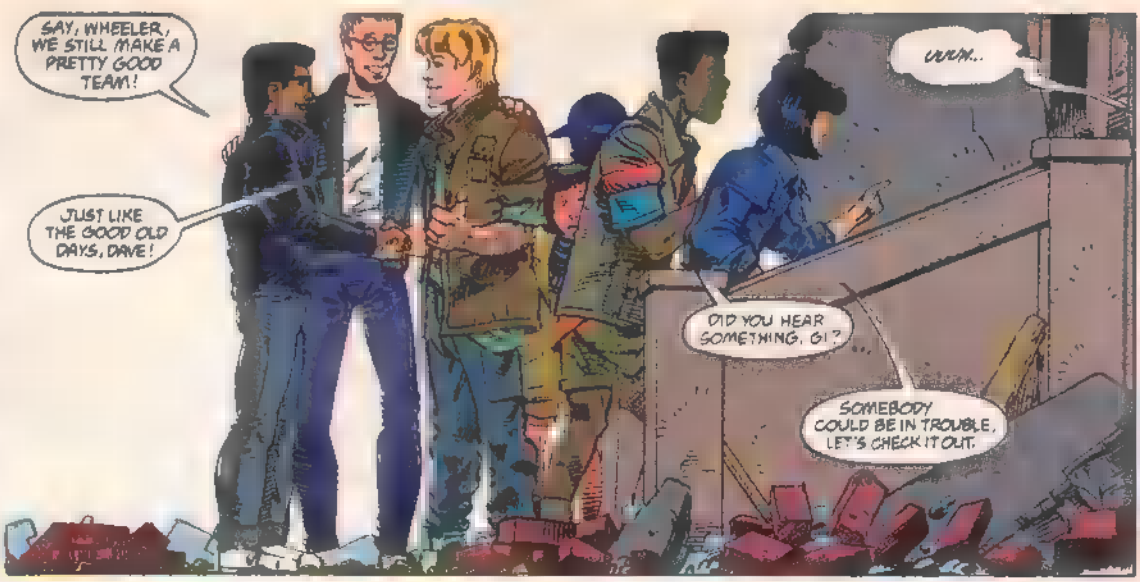
LET'S GO, PLANETEERS! THESE PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED HERE! WE HAVE TO GET THEM OUT!
HELP! SAVE US!
CHECK OUT WHEELER-- HELPING HIS LITTLE ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDS!
THE DEBRIS IS TOO HEAVY! WE CANNOT LIFT IT!

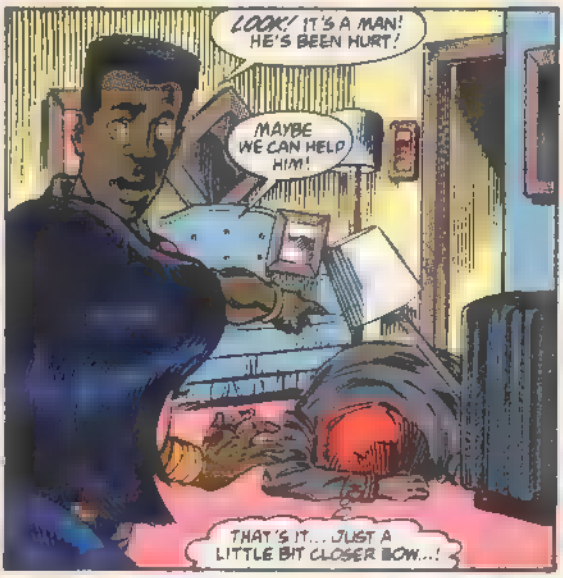

MAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH WHEELER HAS CHANGED. HE DOESN'T FIT IN WITH US ANYMORE.

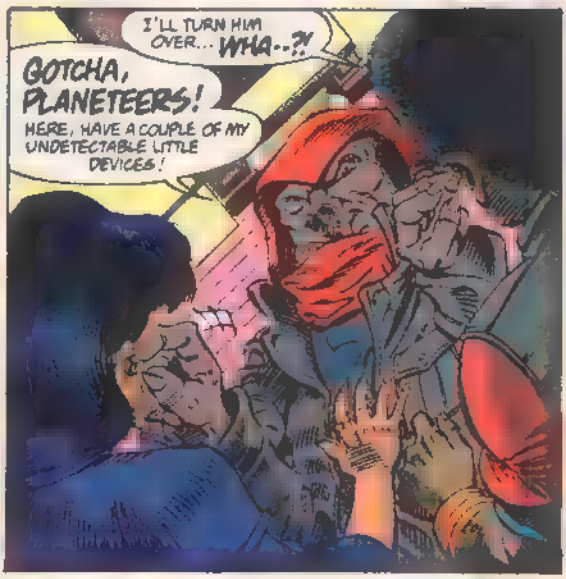
HE BELONGS WITH THE PLANETEERS. THEY'RE HIS REAL FRIENDS.


GET DOWN HERE, YOU COWARD,' I'LL BLAST YOU INTO THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK!
SORRY, DUKE, BUT NEXT WEEK IS ALL BOOKED UP FOR ME! WHY DON'T WE TRY THE WEEK AFTER?

COME BACK HERE AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN!
WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE?
GOT TO LURE ELARE AWAY FROM THE BUILDINGS... FIND AN EMPTY LOT!
UHHH!
WHILE...
BLAST! TOO HEAVY, CAN'T MOVE
GET ME OUTTA HERE!
YO, PLANETEERS...
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU NEED SOME HELP!
BOY, DO WE EVER!
COME ON NOW... JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE...
WE DID IT!
I'M FREE!
EXCELLENT!


SAY, WHEELER, WE STILL MAKE A PRETTY GOOD TEAM!
JUST LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS, DAVE!
UHHH..
DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING, G!?
SOMEBODY COULD BE IN TROUBLE, LET'S CHECK IT OUT.


LOOK! IT'S A MAN! HE'S BEEN HURT!
MAYBE WE CAN HELP HIM!
THAT'S IT... JUST A LITTLE BIT CLOSER NOW...!


I'LL TURN HIM OVER... WHA--?!
GOTCHA, PLANETEERS!
HERE, HAVE A COUPLE OF MY UNDETECTABLE LITTLE DEVICES!

ALREADY BUSH-WACKED TWO PLANETEERS!* NOW THAT I HAVE YOU TWO, THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT!
NOW, GO REJOIN THE OTHERS! AND IF ANY-ONE ASKS... YOU NEVER SAW ME!
* over the past two issues. --ROB.

DID YOU FIND ANYONE INSIDE?
THERE WAS NO ONE INSIDE. IT MUST HAVE BEEN A RAT WE HEARD.

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

His name was Vincent Colletta, but everyone called him Vinnie. He started working for Marvel more than thirty years ago, before we were even known as Marvel. I believe we were called Atlas Publishing then. But the company name doesn't matter. What does matter is telling you what a great guy Vinnie was.

Hardly anyone except me knows this, because hardly anyone else was around at that time, but the first stories that Vinnie drew for us were romance strips. When I say "drew", I mean he did both the penciling and the inking, and he did them superbly. Now, I'm not talking ordinary, run-of-the-mill comic book romance strips. I'm talking about some of the most breathtakingly beautiful pen-and-ink illustrations you've ever seen! Vinnie treated each and every panel as if it were intended for The Louvre. I used to tell him he was putting too much work into each strip, that it wasn't necessary to make everything so lyrical, so pleasing to the eye, so incredibly perfect. After all, we were just printing 10-cent comic books. (10 cents! That'll give you an idea how long ago it was!)

But Vinnie couldn't help himself. He was a born perfectionist. If a drawing wasn't to his liking, he'd do it over and over again until he was satisfied. In the most literal sense of the word, Vincent Colletta was a truly dedicated artist.

Years later, after the romance fad had run its course, Vinnie offered to put his skill to use by inking our other strips, mainly super hero thrillers. For the next few decades, his speed, his dependability, his total professionalism, saved our deadlines and our schedules more times than I can ever tell.

The bullpen and I recently learned of Vinnie's passing. We'll always regret that we never had the chance to bid him goodbye. But I want to take this opportunity to offer our most heartfelt condolences to his wife and family. Vinnie Colletta was a uniquely talented, charismatic artist who was always there when we needed him and who never gave less than his best. He was a credit to our industry. He was my friend. I miss ya, VC. So do we all.

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

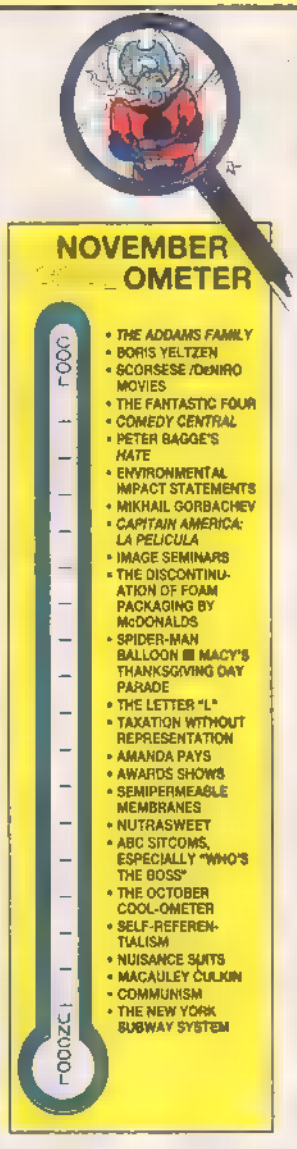
Try to remember, the kind of November ... oops, wrong month. Now we'll have to think up a new opening. Okay, so this is the month where we all chow down on turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and giblets (what the heck are giblets, anyway?), eating more food in one day than we do the whole rest of the year. Then we give thanks that we only have to eat cranberry sauce once a year, and Mom puts the whole thing in the freezer for a month so we can eat the same dinner again at Christmas.

Here at Mighty Marvel, we have a lot to be thankful for this year. For starters, our head honcho (and head hipster) **Terry Stewart** initiated our first ever company picnic this past August. The picnic was a huge success, with plenty of food and drink for all, and fun and games galore (with fewer casualties than we would've expected). Among the activities were softball, football, and volleyball (Marveloids will play any sport that ends in the word "ball"), with the highlight of the day being an impromptu wet t-shirt contest! Everyone is looking forward to next year's picnic, especially Ant-Man, who said he plans on bring lots of friends next time!

The Marvel softball team also had a lot to be thankful for this year. (Actually, there were TWO Marvel softball teams this year — so many people wanted to play that it was necessary to form two teams: the Punishers and the Hellraisers. But then the two teams merged about halfway through the season.) Both teams had largely unimpressive track records, but the season ended on a high note with a victory over arch-rival, the DC Bullets. DC had won the first two games against Marvel this year, so it was a particularly satisfying victory for our side as we crushed them in a devastating 8-0 shut out.

Team captains this year were neo-hipster **Paul Becton**, and hipster-wanna-be **Evan Skolnick**. Noted the easily-bruisable Evan, "This was the first game of the season in which I did not bleed." MVP's for the final DC game were **Fabian Nicieza** (who thinks it's square to be hip), ex-hipster **Craig Kunaschk** of the direct sales department, who pounded out a three-run homer, and assistant editor **John Lewandowski**, who was a hipster when being a hipster wasn't considered hip.

After the game, assistant editor (and intercontinental-hipster) **Richard Ashford** and his lovely wife **Carol Baird** (who's so hip she's got a different last name from her husband) threw a party at their digs in New York's Upper West Side. Players from the Marvel and DC teams showed up, and a good time was had by all. Truly it can be said that everyone came away a winner on that day (of course, the Marvel team were the real winners, and the DC team went crying home to their mothers! So there!).



The kids of the St.Mary's recreational center in the South Bronx also have a lot to be thankful for this year — their building now sports a huge mural, filled with Marvel characters, painted by residents of the community. The mural was part of a project which takes kids off the streets and gives them a creative outlet. **Bob Budiansky**, who is a hipster from way back, helped the kids out on the project, ably assisted by demi-hipster (and everybody's sweetheart) **David Wohl**, whose return to staff was brutally ignored by this page several months back. Also assisting in this project was DEATHLOK artist and ultra-hipster **Denys Cowan**.

There are some thankful new fathers in the Marvel family these days — suspected hipster, GHOST RIDER writer **Howard Mackie** with his lovely wife **Deborah Highley**, just brought forth into this world a baby girl named **Alexandra**. Triple-threat SPIDER-MAN hipster **Todd McFarlane** and his fabulous wife **Wanda Kolomyjek** just joined forces to produce a baby girl named **Cyan**. And mega-hipster slash inker **Mark McKenna** and his vivacious wife **Kathy** produced their latest creative endeavor — a little bundle of joy named **Erin Marie**. All of these babies arrived on schedule, which means they have absolutely no future in this business!

One guy who is not too thankful this year is MARVEL AGE assistant editor **Mike Lackey**, who wouldn't know a hipster if one came up and bit him on the nose. Mike is famous for having the smallest desk at Marvel. Well, recently Mike moved downstairs to the ninth floor when MARVEL AGE received a new editor, cowgirl/hipster **Renée Witterstaetter**. With the move came an even smaller desk for Mike! At this rate,we may just take Mike's desk away, and he can put a board on his lap and use that! Look at the bright side, Mike — at least you're not sitting on milk crates!

Be here next month for more hyper-hip pronouncements and fooferah. You know what they say, "When the going gets hip, the hip get hopping!"

COME ON, DUKE -- IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
YOU MISSED ME BY A MILE!
KEEP IT UP, PLANET!
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS!
CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM
CHOOM
CHOOM
YOU TALK A GOOD FIGHT, DUKE! NOW LET'S SEE SOME HUSTLE OUT THERE!
I WAS RIGHT! THIS EXPERIMENTAL NEW RADIATION THAT DUKE IS USING IS VERY UNSTABLE! DUKE'S BLASTS ARE DISSIPATING HARMLESSLY IN THE AIR!
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT! YOU'VE GOTTEN ME REALLY MAD!
I'M GONNA BUILD UP ALL MY POWER INTO ONE HUGE BLAST--
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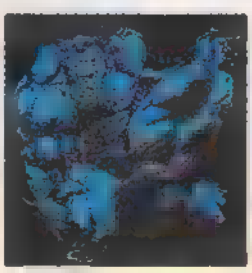

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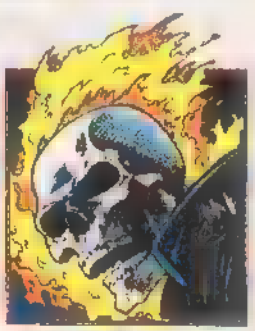

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PERFECT! I GOADED DUKE INTO DOING EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED!
WHA?
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO
YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED TO CONTROL YOUR NEW POWER BEFORE YOU USED IT!
DEEMAND DUKE, I'D SAY YOUR POWER HAS JUST ABOUT RUN OUT!
YOU SEE, THAT NEW NUCLEAR FISSION PROCESS IS VERY UNSTABLE... AND I NOTICED THAT IT TENDS TO BURN OFF VERY QUICKLY!
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO GET THIS SMALL BUT IT DOES MAKE YOU EASIER TO HANDLE!
DON'T WORRY, DUKE--I'LL PUNCH SOME HOLES IN THE LID SO YOU CAN BREATHE!
HE'LL BE BACK TO FULL-SIZE BEFORE TOO LONG. I'LL MAKE SURE HE'S TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES BEFORE THAT HAPPENS!

THE NEXT DAY...
WE HAVE FINISHED FIXING UP THE BUILDING, AND IT LOOKS GREAT!
WE ALL DID IT -- MY OLD FRIENDS, AND MY NEW FRIENDS, WORKING TOGETHER!
AND THERE'S A LOT MORE OLD BUILDINGS WHERE THIS ONE CAME FROM!
FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DRAGONS HAVE DONE FOR US THE PAST TWO DAYS, WE HAVE VOTED TO MAKE YOU HONORARY PLANETEERS!
THANKS! BUT WE'RE NOT THE DRAGONS ANY MORE!
WHEELER, YOU'VE SHOWN US THAT IT'S COOL TO TRY TO SAVE THE EARTH!
THAT'S RIGHT, DAVE! AND IF WE ALL DO OUR PART, THE EARTH STILL HAS A CHANCE!
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I AM HAVING TUNA FISH!

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
MANY DOLPHINS ARE KILLED BY FISHERMEN TRYING TO CATCH TUNA. BUT NOW IT'S POSSIBLE FOR TUNA TO BE CAUGHT WITHOUT ANY DOLPHINS BEING KILLED.

I DID NOT REALIZE SO MANY DOLPHINS WERE BEING KILLED. FROM NOW ON, I WILL CHECK MY TUNA CANS TO MAKE SURE THEY SAY "DOLPHIN SAFE" ON THE LABELS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR LUNCH BAG?
THROWING IT AWAY!

WHY THROW IT AWAY? IT'S MADE OF PAPER, ISN'T IT? AND DON'T WE RECYCLE PAPER?
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EXCUSE ME--IS THAT A STYROFOAM CUP YOU'RE USING?
WHY, YES IT IS!
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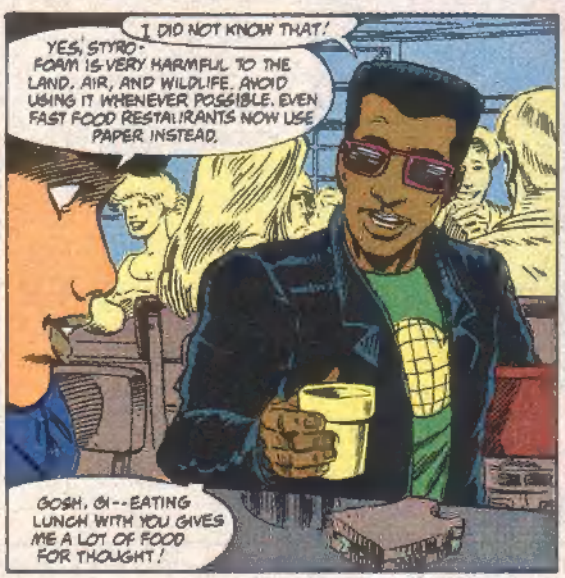
I DID NOT KNOW THAT!
YES, STYRO-FOAM IS VERY HARMFUL TO THE LAND, AIR, AND WILDLIFE. AVOID USING IT WHENEVER POSSIBLE. EVEN FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS NOW USE PAPER INSTEAD.
GOSH, DI--EATING LUNCH WITH YOU GIVES ME A LOT OF FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

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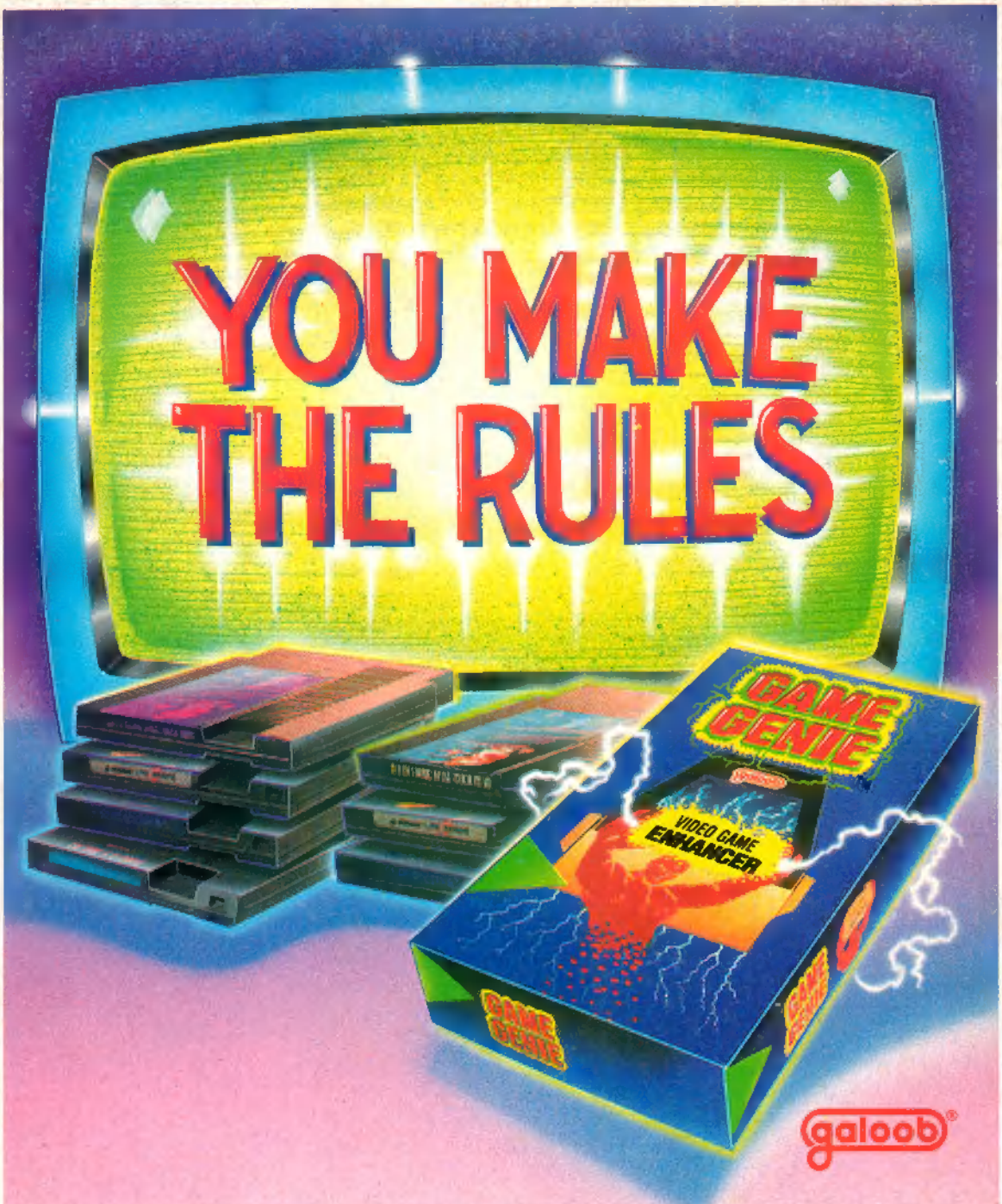

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